

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-40

(Uncodified)

(An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County)
 Authorizing a Special Tax for Police Protection Services in Zone A, County Service Area P-2

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors ORDAINS as follows:

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE AND INTENT. It is the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to authorize the levy of a tax on parcels of real property on the secured property tax roll of Contra Costa County that are within Zone A of Contra Costa County Service Area No. P-2 in order to augment funding for police protection.

This tax is a special tax within the meaning of Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution. Because the burden of this tax falls upon property, this tax also is a property tax, but this tax is not determined according to nor in any manner based upon the value of property; this tax is levied on a parcel and use of property basis. Insofar as not inconsistent with this Ordinance or with legislation authorizing special taxes and insofar as applicable to a property tax that is not based on value, such provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code and of Article XIII of the California Constitution as relate to ad valorem property taxes are intended to apply to the collection and administration of this tax (Article IV of this Ordinance), as authorized by law.

The revenues raised by this tax are to be used solely for the purposes of obtaining, furnishing, operating, and maintaining police protection equipment or apparatus, for paying the salaries and benefits of police protection personnel, and for such other police protection service expenses as are deemed necessary.

ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS. The following definitions shall apply throughout this Ordinance.

1. "Parcel" means the land and any improvements thereon, designated by an assessor's parcel map and parcel number and carried on the secured property tax roll of Contra Costa County. For the purposes of this Ordinance, parcel does not include any land or improvements outside the boundaries of Zone A of County Service Area P-2 nor any land or improvements owned by any governmental agency.
2. "Fiscal year" means the period of July 1 through the following June 30.
3. "Zone" means Zone A of County Service Area P-2, which is in the Blackhawk area within the boundaries of County Service Area M-23.
4. "Ad valorem property taxes" or "ad valorem real property taxes" means taxes imposed pursuant to Division 1, Property Taxation, of the Revenue and Taxation Code of California on secured roll real property subject to being sold for delinquency of such taxes.

4. Commercial/Industrial/ Institutional	2,370
5. Commercial/Theater	11,852

B. For Subsequent Fiscal Years:

In July, the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County shall determine the amount of taxes to be levied upon the parcels in the Zone for the then current fiscal year as set forth below.

For each Property Use Category identified in Article III, Section 1.A. of this Ordinance, the tax per year on each parcel for each fiscal year subsequent to the first fiscal year shall be an amount equal to the tax per parcel for the previous fiscal year multiplied by 1.03.

2. The taxes levied on each parcel pursuant to this Article shall be a charge upon the parcel and shall be due and collectible as set forth in Article IV, below. A complete listing of the amount of taxes on each parcel shall be maintained by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa and be available for public inspection during the remainder of the fiscal year for which such taxes are levied.

ARTICLE IV. COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION.

1. Taxes as Liens Against the Property.

The amount of taxes for each parcel each year shall constitute a lien on such property in accordance with Revenue and Taxation Code section 2187, and shall have the same effect as an ad valorem real property tax lien until fully paid.

2. Collection.

The taxes on each parcel shall be billed on the secured roll tax bills for ad valorem property taxes and shall be due the County of Contra Costa. Insofar as feasible and insofar as not inconsistent with this Ordinance, the taxes are to be collected in the same manner in which the County collects secured roll ad valorem property taxes. Insofar as feasible and insofar as not inconsistent with this Ordinance, the times and procedure regarding exemptions, due dates, installment payments, corrections, cancellations, refunds, late payments, penalties, liens, and collections for secured roll ad valorem property taxes shall be applicable to the collection of this tax. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, as to this tax: (1) the secured roll tax bills shall be the only notices required for this tax, and (2) the homeowners and veterans exemptions shall not be applicable because such exemptions are determined by dollar amount of value.

3. Costs of Administration by the County.

The reasonable costs incurred by the County officers collecting and administering this tax shall be deducted from the collected taxes.